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Laptops to Panchayat Secretaries
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide laptops and smartphones to panchayat secretaries to address the hardware crunch, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is considering to bring the e-Panchayat project under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government is considering to deliver other Government schemes through the e-Panchayat portal; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a)No, Madam. There is no such plan.
(b)Yes, Madam. The e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project is a sub-scheme of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. While the central level activities under the project will be funded by the central component of RGSA, the States will need to make their own budgetary provision for the implementation of e-Panchayat activities.
(c)and (d) To enable integrated delivery of various electronic services at the local level, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has advised all States to consider co-location of Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Panchayat premises. However, the decision on allowing co-location of CSCs in Panchayat premises rests with the concerned State Governments.